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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: PRISM OPTICAL ELEMENT IMAGE OBSERVATION APPARATUS, AND
IMAGE DISPLAY

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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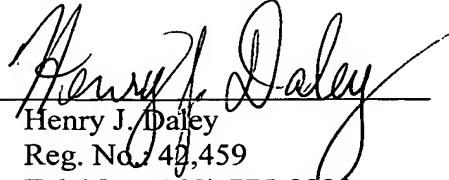
Sir:

Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the species of FIGURE 7 upon which claims 11-26, 33, 34 and 38-51 read. Applicants note that the claims specified above also read on FIGURES 1-4, 8-17 and 19-22. Applicants have attached a sheet to this Response suggesting an alternative grouping of the invention. The invention is divided into three Groups in which FIGURE 7 is included in Group II.

We are refiling this Response because we discovered a typographical error in the Serial Number in the Response filed on May 31, 2002 (see attached copies). The May 31, 2002 Response was fully complying and thus no additional fee should be due. However, if the Patent Office determines that another extension fee is due, please charge all fees due to our Account No. 03-3975, Order No. 9523/284144. A duplicate copy of this Response is attached hereto for that purpose.

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(1) This application contains the following three inventions.

① Invention of an optical design

Pertinent drawings: Figs. 1-14, 17, and 20-24

Pertinent claims: Claims 1-10, and 33-37

② Invention for observation of the outside world

Pertinent drawings: Figs. 1-4, 7-17, 19, and 20-22

Pertinent claims: Claims 11-26, 33, 34, and 38-51

(This invention is further separated into three as indicated on the attachment; however, we want to put them together for the time being.)

③ Invention for detection of one's line of sight

Pertinent drawings: Figs. 5-6, 18,

and 20-22 (Figs. 1-4)

Pertinent claims: Claims 27-37